

of Texas Local Rules, this Court's Local Rules/Judge Specific Requirements, and the Clerk's ECF Administrative Procedures Manual regarding electronic case filing procedures.

5. Counsel are referred to the Local Rules of the Northern District of Texas, the Civil Justice Cost and Delay Reduction Plan of the Northern District of Texas, and the Local Rules/Judge Specific Requirements of this Court.
6. The above case is set for trial at 9:00 a.m. on March 2, 2020, in the United States District Courtroom, Earle Cabell Federal Building, Dallas, Texas.¹ Counsel shall comply with the following:

PLEASE NOTE: The trial of the above case is subject to the trials of any criminal cases which may be pending on the Court's docket.

- (a) All counsel shall jointly prepare a proposed pretrial order for the Court to enter, which shall contain the following:
 - (1) a summary of the claims and defenses of each party;
 - (2) a statement of stipulated facts;
 - (3) an estimate of the length of trial;
 - (4) a list of additional matters which would aid in the disposition of the case;
 - (5) the signature of each counsel; and
 - (6) a place for the date and signature of the Court.

Counsel are ordered to confer prior to the date of submission of the proposed pretrial order, and a certificate shall be attached to the proposed order, signed by counsel, stating that such a conference has been held, the stipulations are agreed upon, and that the proposed pretrial order is submitted to the Court for entry. Failure to agree upon the wording or terms of the proposed order will not be an excuse for not filing same, but counsel may place in such order their respective versions of the matters to be included.

- (b) At least twenty-one (21) days before the scheduled date for trial, counsel shall file with the Clerk and serve on opposing parties proposed jury instructions and issues in jury cases and proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law in non-jury cases, any trial briefs that counsel may desire to present to the Court, and the proposed pretrial order.

¹If the parties agree that an earlier trial setting is appropriate, the Court will consider a motion to reschedule trial.

- (c) At least twenty-one (21) days before the scheduled date for trial, counsel shall file with the Clerk and serve on opposing parties the information described under Rule 26(a)(3)(A), Fed. R. Civ. P. At the same time, exhibits shall be exchanged between the parties. Because the court finds it more practical to make evidentiary rulings at time of trial, counsel are not required to file objections to exhibits pursuant to Rule 26(a)(3)(B), Fed. R. Civ. P.
 - (d) If a pretrial conference is deemed necessary, counsel shall notify the Court at the time of filing the proposed pretrial order, or sooner, and the Court will, at the Court's discretion, schedule such a conference.
 - (e) In jury cases, counsel are not required to submit proposed voir dire questions. Counsel will be permitted to conduct voir dire of the jury panel, subject to further order of the Court.
 - (f) The above trial setting will continue for the following weeks during the same month. This case has been scheduled for trial with other cases. **You are responsible for staying in contact with the Court Coordinator to determine where your case stands on the Court's docket.** There will be no docket call.
 - (g) Should counsel fail to appear at a scheduled pretrial conference or to timely submit a complete and correct pretrial order as required or fail to comply with the other directions set out herein, an ex parte hearing may be held and judgment of dismissal, default, or other appropriate order will be entered.
7. Any party not represented by counsel is expected to comply with the above.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 18, 2018.



SAM R. CUMMINGS
SENIOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE